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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF THE 17th AND 28th MARCH, 1848.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000

RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, May 14, 1876. jyl

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—AN ANDER, Esq.

J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.

H. F. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

A. MUIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GRIGG, Esq., Manager.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GRIGG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. H. C. LUSHER to sign our Firm at Foochow per

proposition.

Hongkong, May 18, 1876. jol6

NOTICE.

MR. T. O. S. JENKINS is authorized to sign the name of our House at

Foochow.

HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, May 27, 1876. jol3

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. Y. V. S. to sign my name per proposition.

A. MACG. HEATON, Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Hongkong and Hanoi. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by

procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Underigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of

MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Underigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYDS REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers, Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

Intimations.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA, Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views, &c., of Amoy, Formosa and all the different Chinese Ports.

Also, a large assortment of Photographs Albums, Frames, Writing Cases, Desks and many other ornamental and useful articles too numerous to mention.

Hongkong, May 15, 1876.

NOTICE.

WITH a view to the Immediate Reduction of the Large and Valuable STOCK OF JEWELLERY, WATCHES, and CLOCKS,

SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, MUSICAL BOXES, &c., &c., &c., OF THE LATE

Mr. G. B. FALCONER, the Administratrix to the Estate has resolved that it shall be placed at the disposal of Purchasers at Prices CONSIDERABLY UNDER THE ORIGINAL COST.

The Stock, which is well known to be the Largest and most Complete in the East, or out of London, has been all selected from London and other Manufacturers of the highest eminence for quality, exquisite finish, and artistic designs, so that probably no such opportunity can present itself again to buyers of selecting from a Stock so Magnificent with such inducements.

The Stock will be open for Inspection at the Greatly Reduced Prices on and after MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

G. FALCONER & Co. Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 18, 1876. jol6

NOTICE.

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Provisions of Ordinance No. 14 to 1862, the following Petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for the Exclusive Right to use within this Colony and its Dependencies, the Invention hereinafter mentioned, has, together with the Specifications and Declarations required by the said Ordinance, been filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, that is to say:—

"The Petition of WILLIAM MACGREGOR SMITH, as Assignee of JAMES DUNCAN, for improvements in the treatment and purification of Sugar and Saccharine Matters, and in the apparatus employed therefor."

Notice is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has appointed MONDAY, the 5th day of June, 1876, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for a Sitting of the Executive Council at the Office of the Government, for the purpose of entertaining the said Petition, and that at such Sitting of the Council, Application will be made for such Letters Patent as aforesaid.

Dated at Victoria, Hongkong, this 27th day of May, 1876.

W. M. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the Petitioner, 39, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 29, 1876. jol4

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Re-entered upon possession of the EAST POINT FOUNDRY at Bowington, in accordance with the terms of Lease of 20th February, 1871.

GRANVILLE SHARP, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, May 27, 1876.

TO BE LET.

THE EAST POINT FOUNDRY, together with the Forge, fixed Machinery, Steam Engines, &c., &c., lately in the use and occupation of Samuel Easton, deceased.

SHARP & Co., Land and Estate Agents, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, May 27, 1876.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 33, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tt

KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS, Essen (Germany.) Sole Agent for China, F. PHIL, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE (Germany.)

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE "SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE," IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

AH YON.

SHIPS' COMPREHENSIVE AND STEVEDORE, No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

LOONG SHING & Co., DEALERS IN ANCIENT CHINESE CURIOSITIES AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, No. 34, Wellington Street, HONGKONG. [au24]

FOOCHOW DOCK.

PAGODA ANCHORAGE.

THE above granite floored Dock is 400 feet long, 86 feet wide at entrance, and has 13 feet of water on the sill at average neap, and 17 feet at average spring tides. The Dock is fitted with caisson gate, and is pumped out by steam.

The Workshops, comprising Foundry for iron and brass, castings, Machine Shop, which contains screw-cutting and small lathe, Drilling and Boring Machine, &c.; blacksmith's and Carpenter's Shop.

A large stock of Timber, Metals and other Dockyard materials necessary for the Repairs of iron or Wooden Steam and Sailing Vessels, always on hand.

A steam-tug is available at all times to tow vessels at reasonable rates.

For terms and estimates, apply to JOHN FORSTER & Co., Foochow.

or JAMES ANDERSON, Superintendent.

Foochow, May 31, 1876. no80

HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the above Society will be held at the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, AFTERNOON (June 6th), at Five o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, a Statement of Accounts, and to elect Officers for the ensuing year.

Members and others taking an interest in the Society are invited to attend.

CHAS. C. COHEN, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, May 31, 1876. jol6

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

A Public that their Furniture Show Rooms are now in Zealand Street, No. 2, opening into Queen's Road, next to the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS; where they have all descriptions of ELEGANT and ENGLISH-MADE FURNITURE, necessary for completely furnishing a Gentleman's Residence.

A Loo, CHINESE and JAPANESE CURIOES, FINEST EBONY CARVED TABLES and CHAIRS of every kind may be had on reasonable Terms.

Hongkong, May 11, 1876. no19

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co.

WE beg to call special attention to our Show-room and Ladies' Outfitting Departments.

We are offering a fine assortment of Japanese Silks, which will wear well, at 65 cents per yard, worth \$1.

Summer Dresses:—

Satin Striped Poplins.

Figured Poplins.

Fancy and Plain Grenadines.

Black and Fancy Gauzes.

Fancy Silks. Black Silks.

Niagara Striped Muslins.

White Brilliants.

A lot of Lace Goods at less than half price.

Made-up Wrappers and Costumes.

Embroidered Skirts.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing.

Straw Hats and Bonnets.

Feathers and Flowers.

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery.

Our Dressmaking Department is under the supervision of a Court Dressmaker.

Our Millinery Department is under the supervision of a West End Milliner.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY, the 2nd June, 1876, at Noon,—

Silver-light Lamps, White Linen-front Shirts, Cambric Handkerchiefs, Butcher's Knives, Corkscrews, Tooth Brushes, Bath Bricks, Lavender and Cologne Water, and

60 cases Claret, Medoc.

50 " Margaux.

Galvanized and Iron Tubes, &c. to 1 1/2 in.

Iron and Brass Screws, assorted sizes.

Also, Sundry Household FURNITURE, comprising Drawing Room Suite of carved Teak and Upholstered in Green Rep, Card and Side Tables, Wardrobes, Toilet Glass, Velvet-Pile Table Cover.

Iron Bedstead, 6ft. 6in. by 5ft. 6in.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 30, 1876. jol2

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 2nd of June, 1876, at Noon, at the Harbour Master's Office,—

The Government Steam Launch "BLANCHE."

The Launch is very Strongly Built of Teak, with Copper Fastenings. Speed 7 miles an hour. The Boiler is nearly new, and she is fitted with fresh water Tanks and Iron Coal Bunkers.

The Launch is capable of carrying 40 Passengers when going outside the Harbour, and 61 when plying inside the Harbour. Order for inspection can be obtained by applying to the Harbour Master.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer, and the Launch to be at the purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 25, 1876. jol2

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 3rd day of June, 1876, at No. 2, Gough Street, at 2 p.m.,—

The Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony.

Also, A Semi-grand PIANO by John Broadwood & Son.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUINNESS, J. M. Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 29, 1876. jol3

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 5th day of June, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

Sundry English and Colonial-made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Comprising:—English-made Walnut Tables, Mahogany Loo and Pembroke Tables, Marble-top Toilet Tables, Vienna Chairs, Chimney Glasses, Lamps, Engravings, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Services, Glass-ware, Marble Clocks, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Washstands, Iron Bedstead, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c.

And, An Invoice of Chromolithographs.

One Harmonium by Cassini & Co.

An Electro-plated Ballad Horn, by Distin, in case complete, with an extra Crook (B Flat).

A first class Semi-grand Seven Octave PIANO, in Mahogany Case, by Collard and Collard, now on view at the Sale Rooms.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 29, 1876. jol5

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW, (Taking Cargo at through rates for TAIWANFOO and TAMSUI.)

The Steamship "YENSO," Captain FURCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

Cargo for Formosa will be forwarded from Amoy per S. S. "Halong."

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.

Hongkong, May 31, 1876. jol2

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. KARO,
FROM ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above named Vessel are hereby notified that the Cargo will be landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Goods remaining in store after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent, unless notice to the contrary be received before Noon To-morrow.

Optional Cargo will be sent on, unless notice to the contrary be received before Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 24, 1876. je8

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer *Ajax* are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 29th May, 1876.

Goods undelivered after 5th June, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 26, 1876. je5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from To-morrow, the 31st Instant, at 10 a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 4 p.m. To-day, the 30th Instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 6th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1876. je6

NORWEGIAN BARK FASAN, FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 30, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 30, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Acting Agent.

Ex *Hoogly*, March 10, 1876.

R M No. 29, One case Merchandise, Y & L.

Ex S. S. *Sindh*, April 7, 1876.

105 (in diamond) 50 bags Ginger, from Galle.

Ex S. S. *Meikong*, April 13, 1876.

1 B O 50/41—4 cases Merchandise, from F O London.

Ex *Ava*, May 2, 1876.

100 bags Gum, from Bombay.

Ex *Amoy*, May 14, 1876.

Q A W 320/21—2 cases Amber.

H N m/a 5 " Merchandise.

P G O 5 " Wine.

P V 5 " Sundries.

A D 5 " Wax.

Brand & Co., 4 " Wax.

Hongkong, May 19, 1876.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark *PHIGENIA*, Master, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Morside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees will have to sign an Average Bond before countersignature of the Bills of Lading.

Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 24, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR FOCHOOW (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "STATESMAN,"

Jas. VALANT, Commander,

will leave for the above Port

TO-MORROW, the 2nd Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents S. S. Steamship.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876. je2

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer "SALVADORA,"

Honorable, Master, will have

quick dispatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

BRITISH BARK EVELYN, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELOHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876. je4

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer *Ducation*, are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 3rd June, 1876.

Goods undelivered after the 8th June, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876. je6

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 1st July, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 30th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876. je1

NOTICE.

MR. H. MUNSTER SCHULTZ has been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

WIELER & Co.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

MR. THEOPHILUS GEE LINESE is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and Canton.

PURDON & Co.

China, June 1, 1876. je1

NOTICE.

SAILMAKING DEPARTMENT.

DURING the Temporary Absence of our Mr. W. DOLAN, this DEPARTMENT will be CARRIED ON as heretofore, under the Superintendence of Experienced FOREMAN, who have acted in this capacity under Mr. Dolan for 13 years.

All Orders in this Branch of Business will have our careful attention.

MACGOWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction at the Godowns of Mr. A. MACGOWEN, on

FRIDAY,

June 2nd, at 11.30 a.m.,—

E W C Chests Formosa Oolong TEA.

(For account of the concerned.)

(All more or less damaged by sea water.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All faults at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

CHAS. C. COHEN, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876. je2

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

LIZZIE, British barque, Captain John Inokay.—Broadbear, Anthony & Co.

IPHIGENIA, German barque, Captain Matzen.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

HOPF, British barque, Captain Boulton.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

COMET, American ship, Captain William E. Bray.

BELTED WILK, British ship, Captain J. Branthwaite.

WOMAN, German barque, Capt. Meyer.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

VINDOX, British barque, Captain John R. Moore.—British barque, Capt. Tintzan.

Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ZOROYA, British barque, Captain Geo. Searlett.—Gillman & Co.

TATTON, British ship, Captain James Clark.

JOACHIM CHRISTIAN, German barque, Captain H. C. Reimer.—Wm. Pustau & Co.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, American barque, Captain J. B. Dickey.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ARONST, German brig, Captain P. Kili.

Eduard Schellhaus & Co.

EVELYN, British barque, Capt. Knowles.

Melchers & Co.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

Charters Elected.

The following settlements have been effected since last Circular was published:—

British ship Commissary, 900, hence to London, private.

German bark *Alma*, 938, Manila to New York, private.

German bark *Anna*, 852, Manila to New York, private.

British bark *Otago*, 346, Manila to London or to a Port on the Continent, private.

German bark *Wodan*, 439, hence to Mauritius (via Singapore), 2850 in full.

American bark *Wealthy Pendleton*, 809, hence to San Francisco, private.

American bark *Willard Mudgett*, 875, hence to Honolulu, private.

British bark *Prince Arthur*, 290, Foochow to Adelaide, Sydney or Melbourne, 21,000 in full.

British ship *Taunton*, 888, hence to Tournon and back, \$3,500 in full, 55 day days.

German bark *Caroline Behn*, 673, hence to Tournon and back, \$3,500 in full, 50 day days.

German bark *Deutschland*, 260, hence to Haiphong and back, \$1,600 in full, 30 day days.

British bark *Mount Lebanon*, 530, Whampoa to Tientsin (Timber), and Newchwang to Hongkong via Chefoo, \$8,500 in full, 60 day days.

German bark *Vesta*, 302, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, 35 day days.

German bark *Faugh Balough*, 250, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 31 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 26 cents per picul, 25 day days.

German bark *Ferdinand*, 416, Bangkok to Hongkong, (inside the Bar) 31 cents per picul, (outside the Bar) 26 cents per picul, 35 day days.

German bark *Joachim Christian*, 487, Newchwang to Hongkong, 22 1/2 cents per picul, 30 day days.

French bark *Charles Moreau*, 368, Newchwang to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 24 day days.

British ship *Caroline*, 987, Cebu to London or Liverpool, private.

British steamer *Arcton*, 959, Monthly Charter, 2 months, \$5,000 per month.

British bark *Flodder*, 377, Newchwang to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 20 day days.

American ship *Swallow*, 1,239, hence to San Francisco, private.

American bark *American Lloyd*, 510, hence to San Francisco, private.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 31, *Evelyn*, British barque, 782, Knowles, from London Feb. 3, General.

June 1, *Hougang*, from Canton.

June 1, *Yangtze*, from Canton.

June 1, *Kestrel*, H. M. gun vessel, 462, 4 guns, 100 h.p., C. B. Theobald, from a Cruise.

June 1, *Modeste*, H. M. corvette, 1405, 14 guns, 350 h.p., Alex. Buller, C.B., Singapore May 20.

DEPARTURES.

May 31, *Fe Yew*, from Canton.

31, *Maharajah*, for Bangkok.

June 1, *Tienan*, for Shanghai.

1, *Candia*, for Foochow.

1, *Oceanic*, for Yuhama and San F'oo.

1, *Anadyr*, for Shanghai.

1, *Washi*, for Haiphong.

1, *Ocean*, for Singapore and Penang.

1, *Lulu*, for Foochow.

1, *Flodder*, for Newchwang.

1, *Feiga*, for Nicolofak.

1, *Lochiel*, for Foochow.

1, *Caroline Behn*, for Tournon.

1, *Alma*, for Manila.

1, *Zambonga*, for Amoy.

1, *Thingalla*, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

Yangtze, for Shanghai.

Deucalion, for Shanghai.

Statesman, for Foochow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Evelyn* from London, Messrs H. D. Steevens, and Carl Rith.

DEPARTED.

Per *Oceanic*, for Yokohama, Sir R. Drascho, Messrs C. Korbi, A. Espantoso, and one European. For San Francisco, Mr. Wm. Dolan, Capt. A. G. Cary, Mr. J. Schmutzer, and 4 Europeans.

Per *Anadyr*, for Shanghai, Messrs Wieler and Francisco.

Per *Washi*, for Haiphong, Mr. Tanbiff and 25 Chinese.

Per *Ocean*, for Singapore and Penang, 27 Chinese.

Per *Zambonga*, for Amoy, 17 Chinese.

Per *Thingalla*, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Yangtze*, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.

Per *Deucalion*, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Evelyn* reports: Until Feb. 11th had moderate southerly winds and fine weather. On the 11th experienced a heavy gale of wind from the Northward, after which, and until reaching the Equator, on March the 8th, had light N.E. and E. winds. After crossing the Equator, had moderate S.E. winds to the Cape of Good Hope. Passed the Meridian of the Cape on the 6th April, in Lat. 40 S. Sighted Java Heads on the 6th May, having had two weeks Easterly winds. Passed Anjer on the 11th, and experienced light variable winds up the China Seas with the exception of the last three days, when had light Easterly winds and dull rainy weather.

CARGO.

Per *Antenor*, Hongkong to London sailed 25th May, 1876:—270,507 lbs. Congou, 20,585 lbs. Scented Oolong Pekoe, 242,281 lbs. Scented Oolong, 6,840 lbs. Oolong (from Swatow), 18 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, 17 pkgs. Waste Silk, 20 pkgs. Cans, 20 pkgs. Turners, 49 pkgs. Bristles, 221 pkgs. Matting, 115 pkgs. Chinaware, 8 pkgs. Preserved, and 71 pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For FOCHOOW.—

For *STATESMAN*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 2nd Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.—

Per *YESSO*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 2nd June.

For SHANGHAI.—

For *DEUCALION* and *HOWSANG*, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, 2nd Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per *ORCHIS*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd June.

For BANGKOK.—

Per *DANUBE*, at 8.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 3rd June, instead of as previously notified.

For HAINAN (via CANTON).—

Per H. I. M. S. *SHEN CHI*, at 7.

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 1st JUNE, 1876.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Abbotsford	5 c	Patterson	Brit. str.	649	May 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Albion	4 c	Müller	Ger. str.	1179	May 30	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Shanghai	Mails
Anadyr	5 c	Butler	sch. str.	3600	May 30	Messageries Maritimes.		
Butuan	4 h	Fremoya	Span. str.	257	May 30	H. Kler	Foochow	To-day
Candia	4 c	Thomson	Brit. str.	1342	May 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Cassandra	4 h	Langer	Ger. str.	947	May 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Sapora and Penang	
Cheops	3 h	Dryden	Brit. str.	983	May 18	Ah Yon		
Columbian	5 c	Alderton	Brit. str.	1417	May 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Cyprenes	5 c	Wood	Brit. str.	1240	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Bangkok	
Danube	3 h	Blanchay	Brit. str.	561	May 27	Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	
Deucalion	5 c	Brown	Brit. str.	1639	May 31	Butterfield & Swire		
Glamis Castle	4 c	Dickie	Brit. str.	1539	May 13	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Howsang	4 c	Hutchinson	Chi. str.	800	June 1	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Lombardy	5 c	Gillson	Brit. str.	1726	May 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Sapora and Bombay	Mails
Malacca	5 c	Shellard	Brit. str.	1050	May 31	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Mecca	4 h	Johnson	Brit. str.	687	May 29	Hop Kee		
Mikado	8 h	Moore	Brit. str.	3030	May 26	Gilman & Co.	Sapora and Penang	To-day
Ocean	3 h	Jaques	Brit. str.	971	May 25	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Y'hama & S. F. Cisco	To-day
Oceanic	4 h	Parsell	Brit. str.	2349	May 13	O. & O. S. S. Co.		
Orehis	8 h	Butlin	Brit. str.	1137	May 13	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Pasig	...	Lopez	Span. str.	107	May 7	Remedios & Co.	Costan Dock	Laid up
Pawtuxet	4 k	Clarke	Amer. str.	280	June 18	Aug. Heard & Co.		
Riga	8 c	Hormaecher	Span. str.	921	May 27	Order		
Salvadora	8 c	Valiant	Brit. str.	615	May 31	Remedios & Co.		
Statesman	5 c	Valiant	Brit. str.	1209	May 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Sunda	4 k	Lee	Brit. str.	1029	May 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Thingvalla	5 h	Mouirier	Dan. str.	1677	May 26	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Vasco de Gama	7 k	Rice	Brit. str.	2000	April 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Hainan and Haifong	
Washi	5 h	Hunter	Brit. str.	262	May 23	Landstein & Co.	Shanghai	
Yangtze	5 c	Schultze	Brit. str.	783	June 1	Siemssen & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Yesso	5 h	Punchard	Brit. str.	559	May 31	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Repairing	
Yottung	2 h	...	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong	Amoy	To-day
Zamboanga	5 c	Arechavala	Span. str.	561	May 29	Remedios & Co.		
Sailing Vessels								
Alma	8 h	Lehmeyer	Ger. bqe.	385	April 26	Melchers & Co.	Manila	
American Lloyds	4 k	Park	Amer. bqe.	510	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Anna	4 k	Jessen	Ger. bqe.	448	May 9	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Annie Fish	3 c	Elffes	Amer. sh.	1490	April 23	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
August	4 k	Riis	Ger. bg.	274	May 25	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Belted Will	3 c	Branthwaite	Brit. sh.	812	May 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Bua-Pan	2 c	Möller	Siam. sh.	575	May 19	Kim-tye-loong		
British Crown	7 h	Andrew	Brit. bqe.	448	April 27	Mayer & Co.	London.	
Caroline	4 c	Turnbull	Brit. sh.	937	May 15	Order	Cebu	
Caroline Behn	1 h	Schmidt	Ger. bqe.	673	April 24	Siemssen & Co.	Touron	
Charles Mureau	4 k	Quatruous	Fch. bqe.	368	May 24	Landstein & Co.	Newchwang	
Chas. O. Leary	3 c	Stephen	Amer. bqe.	644	April 24	Captain		
Chateaubriand	8 k	Horve	Fch. bqe.	384	May 30	Carlowitz & Co.		
Cheng Soon	2 h	Cheng Sang	Siam. sch.	200	April 3	Chinese		
Christina A. P.	3 c	Federico	Amer. sch.	175	Jan. 8	Order		
Comet	4 c	Bray	Amer. sh.	1157	April 23	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Commissary	8 h	Hunter	Brit. sh.	900	April 23	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Created Wave	1 c	Renouf	Brit. bqe.	346	May 26	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Daylight	3 h	Redemaker	Siam. bqe.	447	May 17	Kim-tye-loong		
Deutschland	3 c	Tilmann	Ger. bqe.	269	May 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Haiphong	Repairing
Dora	1 c	Luzarrego	Span. bg.	322	May 13	H. Kler		
Emma	3 c	Grau	Ger. bqe.	340	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Evelyn	8 c	Knowles	Brit. bqe.	762	May 31	Melchers & Co.		
Fasau	...	Sandberg	Norw. bqe.	290	May 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Manila	
Feiga	4 c	Christiansen	Dan. bqe.	316	April 23	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Nicolajefsk	
Ferdinand	3 k	Westergaard	Ger. bqe.	410	May 20	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	
Flodden	4 k	Murdoch	Brit. bqe.	337	May 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Newchwang	
Hope	4 c	Boulton	Brit. bqe.	484	April 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Iphigenia	4 c	Matzen	Ger. bqe.	404	April 24	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
J. H. Jensen	4 c	Rasmussen	Ger. bqe.	275	May 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London.	
Joaquina y Anna	4 c	Man	Amer. sch.	40	May 27	P. F. Holcomb		
Jerfalcon	4 k	Bentley	Brit. sch.	287	May 13	Gilman & Co.		
Joachim Christian	4 c	Reimer	Ger. bqe.	467	May 13	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Newchwang	
John Milton	7 c	Murphy	Brit. sh.	618	May 22	Russell & Co.		
Kate Tatham	...	Mackemy	Brit. bqe.	275	May 23	Carlowitz & Co.		Costan Dock
Kronprinzessin	3 c	Hamin	Dan. bqe.	344	May 23	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Lochiel	1 h	Ewen	Brit. sch.	216	May 23	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Foochow	
Lord Macaulay	7 c	Monkman	Brit. bqe.	879	May 28	Captain		
Lucie	2 c	Colberg	Siam. bqe.	432	May 16	Pack Mee & Co.		
Lulu	4 k	Ryan	Amer. 3m.sc.	388	May 20	Wah Cheong	Foochow	
Lycka Till	2 h	Rinesi	Ital. sh.	1013	May 18	Order		
Marie Alfred	8 c	Leclerc	Fch. bqe.	309	May 30	Landstein & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Marquis of Argyll	2 k	McKeon	Brit. bqe.	500	April 10	Rozario & Co.		
May	7 c	Plumley	Brit. 3m.sc.	237	May 19	Olyphant & Co.		
Minna	8 c	Thuron	Ger. bqe.	456	May 11	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Mount Lebanon	1 h	Hall	Brit. 3m.sc.	580	April 23	Rozario & Co.	Tientsin	
Nautilus	3 k	Blokey	Brit. bqe.	242	May 27	Edvard Schellhass & Co.		
Northern Chief	4 k	Brown	Brit. bqe.	382	May 31	Chinese		
Oceanus	8 c	Breckwoldt	Ger. 3m.sc.	335	May 19	Siemssen & Co.		
Outer Caps	8 c	Morday	Brit. bqe.	582	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Papa	8 h	Paasch	Ger. bqe.	750	May 11	Siemssen & Co.		
Paradies	4 c	Thuröe	Ger. bqe.	546	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Peiho	4 c	Christiansen	Ger. bqe.	250	May 29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rebecca	3 c	Bundgaard	Ger. bqe.	408	May 23	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Rota	7 c	Hansen	Dan. sh.	862	May 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
San Lorenzo	4 c	Pico	Span. bg.	220	May 14	Remedios & Co.	Manila	
Scotland	4 c	Holcomb	Amer. sch.	78	May 27	Captain		
Swallow	2 c	Howes	Amer. sh.	1239	April 23	Order	San Francisco.	
Taunton	3 c	Clark	Brit. sh.	688	May 18	Siemssen & Co.	Toronto	
Thermopylae	8 h	Matheson	Brit. sh.	948	May 11	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Foochow	about 31st
Titan	8 c	Berry	Amer. sh.	1226	May 19	Messageries Maritimes		
Vesta	4 k	Dirks	Ger. bqe.	302	May 21	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Victor	2 k	Sorensen	Norw. bg.	247	May 15	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Victory	3 k	Whiting	Brit. bg.	265	May 22	Yuen Fat Hong		
Vinder	1 h	Parkhouse	Brit. bqe.	290	May 3	Landstein & Co.		
Wealthy Pendleton	1 c	Blandhard	Amer. bqe.	809	Mar. 30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	Repairing
Willard Mudgett	3 c	Dickey	Amer. bqe.	375	May 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Honolulu	10th prox.
Willie	1 h	Badenoch	Brit. 3m.sc.	274	May 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Wodan	3 k	Meyer	Ger. bqe.	439	May 7	Meyer & Co.	S'pore & Mauritius	
Zoroya	3 k	Scarlett	Brit. bqe.	383	May 13	Gilman & Co.		
WHAMPOA								
Cap Horn		Green	Ger. bqe.	401	May 23	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Tientsin	
Charis		Herve	Fch. bqe.	255	May 25	Carlowitz & Co.		
Lizzie		Inokay	Brit. bqe.	385	May 17	Broadbear, Anthony & Co.	Chefoo	
Rubion		Tinnan	Brit. 3m.sc.	204	May 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
CANTON								
Fuyew		Crood	Chi. str.	920	June 1	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Ningpo		Rayner	Brit. str.	761	May 30	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ariadne	6 c	German	corvette	1380	6	400	May 21	Kühne
Cyclop	6 c	German	gunboat	360	6	80	May 11	Van Reiche
Flamer	7 h	British	aux. naval hospital	.....	...	.....	.....	D. M. Insp. Gen. Morgan
Hertha	7 c	German	corvette	2200	19	400	May 13	Knorr
Hornet	7 h	British	gun vessel	461	4	120	May 16	Hippisley
Kearsarge	6 c	American	corvette	638	6	500	April 20	F. V. McNair
Meenace	6 k	British	military hospital	2591	...	.....	.....	Capt. Becker
Thistle	6 k	British	gun vessel	464	...	.....	May 15	Francis Stirling
Victor Emanuel	6 k	British	Commodore's flag ship	3087	2	.....	.....	Commodore Watson
Vineta	6 c	German	corvette	1800	19	400	May 31	Count Mont
Yanbu	6 h	American	gunboat	410	3	288	May 19	B. S. McCook
At Canton								
Palo		American	gunboat	306	...	.....	April 18	W. R. Bridgeman

Annam, according to native reports, *Chow* at the S.E. corner is visited by junks from all quarters, more especially those trading to Annam and Cochinchina. The two last-named seem indeed the most important ports in Hainan, in the Chinese idea, but it is unsafe to assume too much as to their capabilities, until they have been visited by Europeans. The only towns on navigable rivers, which appear to call for notice, are: *Ling-sui*, now being besieged by the Li savages, and *Mün-chow*, which is the seat of the native Piece Goods manufacturers. It is situated about 15 miles inland from the East coast, and does a large trade with the other ports and towns on the island. An inspection of the musters brought back will give a good idea of the business done in this way.

In view of the many drawbacks attending trade with Hoihow, it certainly seems worth while to ascertain whether some better port could not be selected. Native information is so inaccurate, that I place but little reliance in any account I am unable to verify. But if the reports regarding Tui-sui, Tam-chow, Yai-chow and Wai-chow be accurate, they should offer far more inducements to foreign trade than does Hoi-bow. The one thing in favour of the latter is that it is close to the seat of the local government, while (speaking also on native information) the West and South coasts are remarkably unhealthy.

It is, however, my opinion that every effort should be made to open up direct trade with Pak-hoi, which is described on all hands as "the Canton of the West Coast." The Hainanese refer to it as the head-quarters of local trade, while its admirable position, as a distributing centre for the Southern China provinces, as also for Hainan itself, has long been recognised. It may be a question whether it would be worth while to abandon Hainan so absolutely as to allow the Chinese to regard us as *exclusus* from its shores. But there can be little doubt that Pak-hoi is worth ten times as much to trade, under existing circumstances. Should mining ever be resumed in Hainan, Hoi-bow, or an alternative port, might then become important in a specific way.

With respect to mines the report states that the metalliferous districts of Hainan may be roughly described as lying entirely in the western half of the island. Copper mines are said to exist near Shih-lu-shan, some 30 miles from Hoihow, a small place on the north-west coast. Some 20 miles south of these mountains gold is alleged to exist, while silver and lead are found yet further to the south-west and south. Iron and lead are also reported as found in the Shih-lu-shan neighbourhood. But all these accounts are too vague to be of much value.

The chief evidence of the existence of such mines lies in the fact that, in the reign of Kang-hai, an Imperial Edict forbade the continuance of their being worked, under pain of death, in consequence of the large sums of gold and silver taken by the officials. The most intelligent residents, could give me no information as to their precise locality or yield. The only fact I could ascertain was, that green Carbonate of Copper is still gathered in small quantities for export from Tam-chow to the mainland, where it is used for making paint.

We have endeavoured in the foregoing to give the most important and interesting portions of the report on Hoihow, reserving that on Haiphong for a future occasion, and there remains to be added a few general remarks as to the prospects of trade with Hoihow and the island generally. Taken as a whole, we fear that the report does not warrant the forming of any great anticipations in this direction. The navigation to the port is dangerous, chiefly in consequence, it is satisfactory to know, of defective surveys; the anchorage at Hoihow appears to be almost execrable; Hoihow itself is a place of but small importance, and so far as the resources of the island generally are concerned, upon which of course the whole question of the prospects of trade with the place mainly depend, the report affords us but little information, and that of a hazy character; indeed we are little better informed upon this matter after reading the report than we were previously. This of course is not in any way the fault of Dr. Denny's. A lengthened stay in the island, and a perambulation of it from end to end, would be necessary to enable a good and reliable account of its resources to be furnished, and these were impossible with the writer of this report. All that Dr. Denny is able to tell us of the internal resources of the country is what he has heard chiefly from natives, who are not very reliable sources for information. The opinion of Dr. Denny that Pak-hoi is the best adapted, as a port, of all those on the West coast and on the island is worth noting, and also his reasons for thinking so. We hope to be able to write a more favourable account of Haiphong.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The Press notices the report prepared by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce on the newly-opened port of Hoihow in Hainan, and says that so far the trade done there has been on a very small scale, and although it would not be reasonable to expect it to develop in a day the probabilities are, taking everything into consideration, that it will never expand into anything prodigious.

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.

The Chinese Mail publishes a list of the successful candidates for the Hanlin and Tsin-tze degrees, and gives some interesting details of the cause célèbre of Yang Nai Wo, now under investigation of the Criminal Board, the highest tribunal of the country.

The Chung Ngai San Po notices the Haing of the Hak-kas.

The Universal Circulating Herald also publishes the list of successful candidates of the Hanlin and Tsin-tze degrees. It comments on the necessity of reformation by the Government.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is noteworthy that no Chinese passengers have departed by the *Oceanic* this trip.

The writ of *certiorari* applied for by Mr. Kingmill was turned into *lectiorari* by a printer's blunder, in our report of yesterday's hearing of Mr. Duncan's case.

The German Corvette *Vineta*, which arrived here yesterday from Honolulu, reports having encountered a severe gale of wind on the night of the 25th and morning of the 26th ultimo, when she lost three boats, fore-topmast and jibboom. The gale rapidly increased to hurricane force and the *Vineta* had to be hove to, having previously been running before the wind under bare poles.

The Japan Herald publishes a telegram stating that a revolution has taken place in America, and that the mintage and shipment of dollars has been stopped. "The effect of this news on the London silver market has been," adds our contemporary, "to drive Mexican dollars up to 53½d. per oz., whilst Bar Silver is only 50½d. per oz. Mexican dollars are .900 fine, and have for some time past been only quoted at their melting value, 1½d. per oz. below Bar Silver (.925 fine) standard."

The Superintendent of the E. E. A. and China Telegraph Company informs us that communication between Singapore and Batavia has been re-established. We were unaware that anything had happened to the branch of the Company's line running to Australia, but we are glad to learn that it has been repaired. It is to be hoped that communication will also shortly be re-established along the Company's line between Penang and Madras, which is far more important line to us here.

In our notice regarding the Bathing House which the Victoria Recreation Club have in contemplation to erect, we inadvertently stated that three hundred dollars were required. It should have been three thousand. Although our gratification must be somewhat modified because of this discovery, the hope that the scheme will be successfully carried through is none the less strong. We are very glad to be informed that the suggestion which we threw out as to requesting the intervention of the Military Authorities for the diversion of the drums from the vicinity of the Bathing House site had already been acted upon before it was made, and that the Hon. Secretary has been in correspondence with the Military Authorities on this subject for some days past. We trust he may be successful in his negotiations.

We learn that a dastardly attack was made on Inspector Craddock last night at British Kowloon. Mr. Craddock is in charge of the Kowloon district, and last evening about 7 o'clock, he was taking a stroll, when he observed an old offender when he recognised and whom he tried to arrest. The moment he laid hands on him, the old offender pulled out a pair of daggers and cut him severely on the right wrist, severing the artery. The Inspector had a scuffle with the ruffian but had to let go his hold, and the man escaped. Meantime he was very much weakened by the loss of blood, but he had the presence of mind to keep his left hand tightly on the injured part, and thus prevented in a measure the flow of the blood. When he got back to the Station, he at once ordered a Police boat to pull him to H. M. S. *Pictor Emanuel* for medical aid. Assistance was readily and promptly afforded by Dr. Fennell, the staff surgeon on board, and the wound having been bandaged, Mr. Craddock was kept to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is now a patient. The old offender has made good his escape, but we understand a reward has been offered for his apprehension. It is said that had not timely assistance been so promptly afforded, Mr. Craddock must have bled to death. As it was, he had a very narrow escape.

The following programmes will be performed at the Officers' Mess, on Friday evening, the 28th instant, commencing at 5.30 p.m.:

Overture,.....Egmont,.....Beethoven.
Quintette,.....Promenade,.....Coote.
Selection,.....Attila,.....Verdi.
Valse,.....Doctoren,.....Strauss.
Solemn,.....Bismarck,.....Donizetti.
Galeop,.....Polichinello,.....Kubner.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."
E. P. HARRIS, Conductor.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending May 31st, 1876:

	European.	Chinese.
Thursday, May 26th,	110	287
Friday, 27th,	100	534
Saturday, 28th,	128	175
Sunday, 29th,	267	315
Monday, 30th,	81	234
Tuesday, 31st,	74	593
Total,	890	2,018
Grand total, 2,908.		

INQUEST.

An Inquest was held this afternoon (1st June) on the body of Robert Crawford Shaw, by Mr. James Russell, Coroner, with Messrs John Kyle, J. Hartmann, and M. McMillan as Jurors. The deceased was removed, in a dying state, from the Temperance Hall.

The first witness (examined was Peter Jones, P. C., No. 19. He stated, that at 11 p.m. yesterday he was sent by Inspector Grey with an ambulance to the Temperance Hall and removed the deceased to hospital. He appeared to be frightened when in the ambulance so that witnesses had to keep him quiet. He was attended to by Dr. Wharry, and P. C. No. 47 was placed on guard over him. When witness saw him he was lying quietly in bed. He looked, however, wild, and could not stand up from weakness, with as thought.

Mr. George H. Gell, Senior ward master in the Hospital, was examined. The deceased was admitted at 11 p.m. on the 31st May. He was attended to by the doctor. He died at 6.15 a.m. to-day. He appeared very delirious during the night. He was in charge of a Police Constable. He was kept quiet. He kept raving for brandy, and some tea was given him.

Jerry Horning, manager of the Temperance Hall, was called. The deceased came, to stay in the house on the night of the 26th May. He was brought there by a man who told me that the Captain of the *Vancouver* would settle with me in the morning. Captain Shaw came accordingly. The deceased could hardly walk when he came, from the influence of drink. He stayed in the house till last night. On the morning of the 27th he went out and returned drunk. On the 28th he promised me that he would not drink any more, but he returned in the same state as before. On the 29th he did the same thing. He was always promising me that he would not drink. I have no power to put any restraints on any one. I had hoped that he would reform. On the 30th he went out and returned drunk. On the 31st he was unable to go out from stiffness. No spirits of any kind were given him on that day. That morning he took some breakfast and promised me that he would not drink again and would go in the *Pasco de Gamis* in which he had shipped. He became very sick about 11 o'clock and fell against the window, breaking it. Dr. Young was called in and had him removed to Hospital.

Dr. C. J. Wharry was examined: The deceased was brought to Hospital about 11 p.m. yesterday suffering from congestion of the brain. He was not conscious, and died at 6 a.m. to-day. Made a post-mortem examination, the result of which revealed that he died of Alcohol poisoning. I have no doubt about it. (The report sent in, it appeared that the deceased was aged about 30 years. There was a congestion of the brain, and the appearance of the liver and kidneys showed that he had been given to excessive indulgence in ardent spirits. Death resulted from alcoholic poisoning.)

John Auster, the proprietor of the "Liverpool Arms," was next examined. The deceased had stopped in my house until the 26th May, when he was removed by his brother Capt. Shaw, of the *Vancouver*, to the Temperance Hall. His brother paid me his bill for board and lodging. I would not trust him with any liquors because I new I wouldn't be paid. He was always treated by friends. I supplied him with liquor so long as he could pay, unless with liquor so long as he could pay, unless I thought he had enough. When I saw any one well enough in drink, I would tell him to lie down. The deceased usually paid attention to what I said and laid down. He was always very quiet. He would one day drink gin, another day rum, and another day beer. He would not mix his drinks in one day. I do not know how much he drank in one day outside. I would some days have ten glasses myself, but I don't know how much the deceased had. He would have perhaps five glasses or two or three. Sometimes I would have ten glasses of gin before breakfast and could go about. I don't do it always, but only once in a while, any time I feel inclined for it. I have taken one thing or another about ten glasses to-day.

The Coroner remarked that witness must have a very strong head. Mr. Archibald Blair, chief engineer of the steamer *Pasco de Gamis*, was examined. I knew the deceased a few days ago. He shipped with me as a storekeeper. I know his brother Capt. Shaw of the *Vancouver*. That is all I know of him.

Inspector Grey said the deceased had been in the employ of Messrs Inglis & Co. for some fourteen days last year. The deceased was an engineer by profession and a native of Scotland.

The Jury returned a verdict that the deceased died of alcoholic poisoning, the result of excessive drinking.

Amoy.

Amoy, 29th May, 1876.

The Queen's Birthday was held here on the 27th instant, and as usual our annual regatta was held too. We had splendid weather and the Ladies turned out in great force on board the Flagship (the Revenue steamer *Fei Hoo*), which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Regatta Committee. Tiffin was served on board at 1 p.m. and at 1.30 the first race started. The results of the races are as follow:

Sailing Races.

1st Race.—For Yachts belonging to the Amoy Yacht Club. Distance 5 miles. Prize \$50.

Hiondelle,	Owner	E. V. Brennan.
Scitola,	"	A. W. Bain.
Catamaran,	"	R. H. Bruce.
Mabel,	"	R. Craig.
Zephyr,	"	D. Manson.
Erin,	"	Dr. R. Krausl.

Catamaran and Erin were the favourites for this race, but as usual with most favourites, there is always some mishap! Erin for want of some one to sail her did not start, and somehow or other the Catamaran was kept crawling close to the *Fei Hoo* for five minutes and then started. The race lay solely between Mabel and Zephyr and was won by the latter by one length. Catamaran came in a good third. Hiondelle was fourth, and Scitola last.

2nd Race.—For all Pilot and other open boats. Distance 5 miles. Prize \$20.

Minnehaha,	Owner	R. H. Bruce.
Iron Duke,	"	J. Peterson.
Garibaldi,	"	M. Babiano.
Mosquito,	"	J. Buschmann.
Uhlman,	"	G. Hauenstein.

Minnehaha, Garibaldi and Mosquito were all favourites in this race and as usual, it was all a mistake, for the Uhlman (sailed entirely by Chinese) had it all her own way and won easily. Garibaldi a bad second.

3rd Race.—For all open boats not Pilot boats. Distance 4 miles. First prize \$20, second prize \$10.

Vortex,	Owner	H. A. Watson.
Tien Po,	"	F. Klenowater.
Franklin,	"	J. Baschmann.
Sian Fei Hoo,	"	R. S. Fei Hoo.
Tally Ho,	"	"
Firefly,	"	"

In this race it was supposed to be a dead certainty for either *Firefly* or *Tien Po*, and for once the prophets were correct, as *Firefly* came in 1st, *Tien Po* 2nd, 200 yds. off, and *Vortex* a good 3rd. *Sian Fei Hoo* 4th, *Tally Ho* 5th, and *Franklin* a very bad last.

4th Race.—For Sampans manned by two Europeans only. Distance 1 mile. Prize two \$5 potters.

To Chun,	Owner	R. H. Bruce.
Gan Tean,	"	D. Manson.
Swallow,	"	S. Campbell.
Polliwildoodolol-	"	"
ly Day	"	F. S. Unwin.
Brass Marquis,	"	J. Peterson.
Black Brigade,	"	J. Kirkwood.

This was a most amusing race and occupied both Judge and Clerk of the course about half-an-hour to get the unruly sampans into position; at last a start was made, *Swallow* and *Gan Tean* leading, while *Black Brigade* seemed to have some difficulty with their slip rope, and before they started the others were a hundred yards ahead. At the turning point they seemed to have picked up all they lost at the start, and the Sampans commonly called the *Polly Day* for brevity got into difficulties, in fact at one time a sly attempt was made to spread some extra sails, but a difficulty arose as to how it was to be hoisted, and at last in the meantime the others were getting along pretty well considering that there was little or no wind, and *Swallow* was easily, *Gan Tean* and *Brass Marquis* both claiming and honour. *Black Brigade* 5th, and *Polly Day*, minus her extra sail, which they found was useless, a very bad last.

Rowing Races.

1st Race.—For *Bona fide* Hong or ship Gigs, four oared. Distance 1 mile. First prize \$15, second \$5; 4 to start or no race.

Hanky Panky,	Owner	Customs.
The Tub,	"	R. H. Bruce.
Ruby,	"	R. Craig.
Victory,	"	E. V. Brennan.
Firefly,	"	R. S. Fei Hoo.
Tally Ho,	"	"

On the appearance of *Hanky Panky* on the field of action the crews of *The Tub* and *Ruby* refused to compete, but after the loss of some valuable time *The Tub* were induced to go, but as this made only 3 boats the *Fei Hoo*ies gallantly entered the field with their two whole boats, 5 and 6 oared boats but only allowed to pull 4 oars in this race. *Hanky Panky* being first favourite kept her name up, as she won easily. *Victory* 2nd and *Tally Ho* 3rd.

2nd Race.—For *Bona fide* Hong or ship Gigs, five and six oared. Distance one mile. Prize \$15.

Aladdin,	Owner	E. C. Jur. Mess.
Diamond,	"	Customs.
Dagon,	"	R. Craig.

The favourite *Aladdin* again deceived the public, as *Dragon* was easily, *Aladdin* being 2nd. On the whole this was a very fast race and the *Aladdin* struggled gamely for the prize.

3rd Race.—For European manned 4 oared Gigs. Did not come off; no entries.

4th Race.—A Sampans Race; pulled by one European. Distance ¼ mile. Prize a \$10 pewter.

Waffles,	Owner	A. W. Bain.
Anti Waffles,	"	F. Cass.
Hoos Toots,	"	H. A. Watson.
Boo Heentit,	"	R. H. Bruce.
Dug Out,	"	E. V. Brennan.
The Flea,	"	S. Campbell.
Doughnut,	"	F. S. Spinney.
Yahoo,	"	F. S. Unwin.
Clunker,	"	J. Kirkwood.
Fei Hoo,	"	A. J. Booth.

This was the race of the day and out of 10 entries 8 started. *Clunker* and *Doughnut* were hot favourites, the former getting away with a splendid stroke closely followed by *Fei Hoo* and *Doughnut* in rounding the turning boat *Clunker* got across the bows of her and had a desperate struggle to get clear, in the meantime *Fei Hoo* got clear he was long way behind, but by some mysterious manoeuvring he succeeded in making *Clunker* come in a good second. The *Doughnut* then, *Anti Waffles* and *Hoos Toots* had a desperate struggle with each other in vain efforts to get away from the starting post. *Yahoo* came up as Whipper-in and with a long reaching and steady stroke which he preserved throughout the whole race. After this stirring event there were two Sampans races pulled by two Chinese, and then a pig at the end of a greasy pole; this was great fun, and 8 pigs were taken out within half an hour. This ended the Regatta of 1876, and a jolly one it was; everyone seemed pleased and the weather was magnificent.

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

June 1, 1876.

Lo Acheting, a coolie, was charged with assaulting Mak Amin, a house coolie in the employ of Messrs. Lamert, Atkins & Co. The complainant was engaging some coolies to carry things, and because the defendant's services were refused the defendant struck him. Fined \$2.

Chun Atak, an unemployed coolie, was sent to four months' hard labour for stealing a piece of cloth from one Chow Aon, who was living in the same boarding house with him.

Lai Achik was arrested for cutting some roots at Bonhau Road. Fined \$1 and the apprehending constable was awarded \$2 for making the arrest.

UNEMPLOYED BROTHER.

Maria Constance, residing at No. 65,

Bridges Street, Yip Achoi, described as a married woman and Felicitia Jesus, were brought up for keeping an unlicensed brothel. Inspector Horton conclusively proved the charge against the second defendant, who made overtures to him at the Crockett Ground last evening. She was fined \$25 or two months' hard labour. The others were discharged.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our London Correspondent.)
London, 21st April, 1876.

As you can readily believe the unexpected statements which the Chairman of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company was compelled to make at the last meeting of the shareholders have evoked anything but pleasant comments among old China residents here, especially those who are holders of Dock shares. It certainly is extremely hard upon the latter that they should have to suffer not only from the bad state of things commercial in China of late years, which have steadily reduced their profits, but also from the "mismanagement" as has been so unexpectedly brought to light. The revelation which has been made with regard to the conduct of the late Secretary calls most emphatically for the question who has been to blame for the opportunity which has been offered for the practices which have resulted so unfortunately for the Company. According to the Chairman's statement, "there was no order or system and the greatest possible negligence appeared to exist in the way in which he managed everything connected with the Docks." This is clearly a very unsatisfactory state of things, and without wishing to be unduly hard upon the Directors, and especially the present Chairman, who having only recently returned to the Colony is of course not individually responsible for the unfortunate state of matters which he had to explain, shareholders here are justified in feeling that after the innumerable warnings which there have been in China, some steps might very well have been taken to check the action of all the servants in the Company's employ. It is of course not to be overlooked that in the management of a concern like a Dock requiring a great deal of technical knowledge much power must of necessity be placed in the hands of the Secretary, but this applies to businesses of the same kind at home as well as in China; and it is well known means are found elsewhere to keep some kind of control over the action of employees into whose hands it is necessary to throw so much power—power which may be exerted for the good of the concern or to the detriment of it, with the craft and subtlety of the devil, for his lasting injury. It is to be sincerely hoped that this unfortunate affair will have the effect of causing people in China to look a little more than they have been hitherto in the habit of doing to the moral qualifications of those whom they put into positions of trust; and also that the Directors of Companies will feel it to be their duty to see that some kind of check be put upon the actions of those with whom they entrust with powers, which, if not so checked, are everywhere liable to abuse. There is, in China, a kind of morbid feeling in respect to matters of this kind arising in some degree out of the restricted nature of social life, in places where as the saying is every body is known to everybody else—but this may be no reason why, in a matter of business, ordinary business precautions should not be adopted.

The Oriental Bank, the Chartered Mercantile and the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China all held their meetings last week, and the reports and the Chairman's speeches are interesting as showing the state of Banking with the Far East during the past year. There is little allusion to China specifically, but of course in financial matters India and China are so intimately connected that what applies to the one is applicable to a great extent also to the other. The chief causes of the unsatisfactory state of matters have been the depression in the India trade, and the depreciation in Silver, which by the way affects the price of your Mexican as much as that of Rupees. The latter is apparently owing as much to the general dullness of trade as to the demonetisation of Silver by Germany and other European countries. The prospects of Banking in the East generally are, however, looked upon as favourable.

I notice by a telegram which is published to-day that the American Trade Dollar, which was some time ago proposed to introduce into Hongkong as currency in company with the Japanese Yen, is no longer to be a legal tender in the United States.

The celebration of the festival of "Daifeng" was held yesterday and will be continued to-day by the Japanese townspeople. The temple at Ngé Hill was thronged with crowds of the devout during the day before yesterday and the streets were illuminated at dusk.

The *Nichi Nichi* is informed that the Judicial Department has despatched officials to the provinces to investigate the customs peculiar to certain remote districts. The design for the new Imperial Palace having been completed and approved, the building will be begun next year. It is estimated to cost about one million of yen. The construction will occupy about five years.

In the province of Awaji the banks of a lake over two miles in length gave way, and the water running out carried away the banks of two other smaller lakes and flooded an area of 400 acres and 14 hamlets.

It is rumoured that towards the end of last month some 120 *Shidaku* of Batsuma, Bizen and other provinces, arrived at Shikagawa. They were dressed in ordinary Japanese costume, but immediately after landing put on clothes of the foreign fashion, and went off to different parts of the capital carrying their swords wrapped up as bundles. These facts being remarked by the police, extra guards were stationed at the houses of the *Daifeng* and other officials of high rank.

A large fire destroyed, King Kye by

name, having closed his establishment, there are over a hundred junks laden with rice in the harbour and waiting to sell their cargoes, while the price of grain is daily declining.

A party of Lophocoon officials arrived in the Capital some five or six days ago, and another party on the 14th inst. Their errand, it is said, is to take exact instructions from the Home Department in regard to the connection between China (sic) and Lophocoon.

The *Kansho Kioku*, or Bureau of Commercial Industry, was opened on the 11th inst.

We learn by telegram that the disturbance in the Wakayama ken has been quieted, but troops from Osaka are still stationed there.

THE STRAITS.

(Singapore Times.)

The British steamer *Chiang Hock Kiat*, Capt. Webb, arrived on Saturday, from Amoy with 462 Chinese coolies for the Straits. She reports that on the 19th inst. off the Northward of Palo Aor she took in tow the Dutch ship *Flora* from Singapore bound to London. On the 20th instant, she cast her off in Rio Straits and proceeded to Singapore leaving her at anchor waiting for the tide to go through the Straits.

The Telegraph Co's. repairing steamer *Agnes*, Captain Worsley, returned to port yesterday (May 21st) from the westward, and we regret to hear that owing to the rough weather prevailing, her repeated attempts to repair the breakage in the Madras cable have proved unsuccessful.

The following is a condensed report of her log:

Left Singapore on 19th April, arrived on 24th at the spot, where Calcutta was broken, had good weather for first few days; picked up Madras end of Cable and buoyed it; had weather then set in and we were unable to pick up Nanang end; ran to Nanang until it was hoped that weather would moderate; came out during a lull and succeeded in picking up first end, but owing to the return of rough weather the Cable parted before it could be secured. Owing to the rough weather and the rocky bottom on which the Cable lies a number of grapnels were lost, and also all the grapnel rope. We then tried to recover Cable with spare tackle as grapnel rope, but the weather became so bad, that we found it necessary to return to Singapore. At some risk we spoke with Madras announcing our intention of leaving to reef.

COMMERCIAL.

Hongkong, 31st May.

The importation of Bengal Opium, during the closing month, stands at 2,901 chests, against 3,221 chests in the corresponding month of last year. Adding the total of the month's receipts to the stock brought forward, there appears an aggregate of 3,901 chests; and as the available supply on date is computed at 1,300 chests, a quantity of 2,601 chests has thus been taken off, of which some 1,000 chests have been taken by the local consumers, and 1,601 chests exported. Comparing these figures with those of previous May, they show thus: The receipts of the month, and the previous stock gave a total of 4,071 chests; and as a quantity of 3,021 chests had been taken off, of which 950 chests passed into the hands of the local consumers, and 2,071 chests exported. The quantity taken off this May, may be accounted for by the languid state of the market at the Coast-ports, which necessarily curtailed shipments from here.

The fluctuation this May in the rate of new drug has been to the extent of \$35 for Patna and \$17½ for Benares; and in that of old drug has been to the extent of \$1½ and \$1¼ for the respective kinds. The fluctuation last May has been to the extent of \$2½ and \$1½ for the respective kinds of new drug, and \$15 and \$30 for those of old drug. The bulk of the business this May has been done at about the same cost at which the drug has been supplied to the consumer last May.

Quotations.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 575
Credit, 57 ½
" Old Patna, cash, 600
Credit, 602 ½
" New Benares, cash, 670
Credit, 672 ½
" Old Benares, cash, 675
Credit, 676 ½
" New Malwa, cash, 675
Credit,

